ABSTRACT

This invention provides compounds of Formula I having the structure

$$R_2$$
 R_2
 R_3
 R_3

5 wherein:

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 R_1 is hydroxyl, alkoxy of 1-4 carbons or -O(CH₂)_nX;

n is an integer of 1-3;

X is CONHR₆ or CO₂R₆;

R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, alkyl of 1-4 carbons, alkoxy of 1-4 carbons or acyl of 1-4 carbons;

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are each independently, hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, alkyl of 1-4 carbons, alkoxy of 1-4 carbons, acyl of 1-4 carbons, CF₃, OCF₃, SO₂NHR₆, NR₆R₇ or CO₂R₆;

 R_6 , and R_7 are each independently, hydrogen, alkyl of 1-4 carbons, or alkylaryl where the aryl group is substituted with R_2 ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which are useful in treating metabolic disorders related to insulin resistance or hyperglycemia.